

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-19, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) A method for manufacturing a three-layer, air-permeable flat-shaped article, having a stretchability and restoration properties, consisting of two outer layers, made of a porous fibrous material and a rubbery elastic inner layer disposed between and adherent to the outer layers comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing two strips made of a porous fibrous material;
- (b) applying 0.1 to 1.5 mm thick adhesive skeins, which consist of a thermoplastic that is elastic at room temperature as a hot melt in a heated liquid state, to at least one of the strips;
- (c) bringing the strips together to form a laminate; and
- (d) cooling the adhesive skeins disposed between the strips and bonded to them to form the rubbery elastic inner layer.

2 21. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein
the adhesive skeins are applied in substantially parallel
straight strips.

3 22. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein
the adhesive skeins are applied in meandering strips.

4 23. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein
the adhesive skeins run in substantially zig-zag or sinusoid
curves whose vertices touch or overlap.

5 24. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein
the adhesive skeins are applied by means of a printing
method selected from the group consisting of intaglio
printing, flexo printing and screen printing.

6 25. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein
the adhesive skeins are applied by means of nozzles.

7 26. (New) The method according to claim 25, wherein
the strips forming the outer layers are fed in a direction
of movement, and the nozzles are displaced during

application of the adhesive skeins in a path having a component perpendicular to the direction of the movement of the outer layers.

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27. (New) The method according to claim 25, wherein the adhesive skeins are fed from above in a gap between the strips forming the outer layers.